

THE CASE OF THE SOAP-MAKERS *making* Green Soap.

THERE is not one Commodity or Ingredient us'd in the making *Green Soap*, but what a Duty is already laid upon it by Act of Parliament, viz.

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<i>Olave Oil</i>	04	11	02½	<i>per Ton.</i>
<i>Hempseed Oil</i>	08	18	06	<i>per Ton.</i>
<i>Rapeseed Oil</i>	17	09	06	<i>per Ton.</i>
<i>Tallow</i>	00	07	01¼	<i>per Hundred.</i>
<i>Pot-Ashes</i>	00	05	06	<i>per Hundred.</i>

The whole of which Duty already laid, amounts to one Halfpeny *per Pound*; and if the intended Duty of one Penny *per Pound* be more laid upon the Soap it self, when made, it will not only ruin the Trade, and consequently not raise the Money propos'd thereby, but also destroy the other Duties above, laid upon Oil, Pot-Ashes and Tallow, which are brought to *England* in Returns for Cloth, Fish, Lead, Tin, Serges, Bays, and other Manufactures of this Kingdom.

IT cannot therefore bear any other Duty, unless a further Duty be laid upon Ball, Cake and White Soap, at least so as to make Ball, Cake and White Soap bear an equal Duty with Green Soap, and that for the following Reasons viz.

- I. WHITE Soap is made of *English* Wood-Ashes,
Ferne-Ashes,
Grease or Kitchenstuff, and
Tallow.

None of which Particulars pay any Duty whatsoever, except Tallow, which is but a Trifle; so consequently that Soap can be made, and will be sold, much cheaper than the other where such Duties are laid.

II. The Price of Soap is already by reason of the Duties, ~~and dear-ness~~, and dear-ness of the several Ingredients almost doubled, and thereby the Trade is already much Decay'd, and the People use Cake Soap, Ball Soap and White Soap, made of the Ingredients last abovementioned instead thereof.

III. The intended Duty on Lime, will be a Duty of near *Cent. per Cent.* for what each Soapmaker within the Bills of Mortality, now useth of that Commodity.

IV. That the Dearness of the Commodity will put People that use Quantities, to make Soap for their own Use themselves.

V. The People using Soap, especially great Quantities, will buy that Commodity that is cheapest, so that the Cake Soap, Ball Soap and White Soap, which raises no Duty, and pays no Customs, will be preferred, and that which raises a great Sum of Money already to the Government, will be destroy'd, and thereby less Tallow, Oil and Pot-Ashes, will be Imported, and consequently those Duties lessen'd, and the Government disappointed in raising the intended Duty, and less Cloath, Fish, Lead, Tinn, Serges, Bays, and other *English* Manufactures Exported.

VI. This manifestly appears by the Entries at the Custom-House, for that since the above Duties have been laid, half the Quantities of Oil, &c. have not been imported as before, and this can no ways be prevented,

But by laying a Duty of a Half-penny in the Pound on Green Soap; and a Penny in the Pound on all Ball, Cake, and White Soap.

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One Penny in the Pound on Green Soap, and Three-half-pence in the Pound on all Ball, Cake and White Soap; and in either of those Cases it will be but an equal Tax on both.

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